

REMARKS:

Claims 1-32 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-32 have been allowed.

This Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 is submitted in response to a Notice of Allowance and Examiner's Amendment dated 30 November 2006.

Telephonic Interview 26 October 2006

Examiner Airapetian telephoned the undersigned, Mr. Laureanti, on 26 October 2006 to conduct a telephone interview on the subject Application. During the telephone interview on 26 October 2006, Examiner Airapetian proposed minor changes to independent Claims 1, 10, 21, and 32 to further clarify Applicant's claimed invention. Examiner Airapetian suggested using an Examiner's Amendment advance prosecution of the subject Application and place the subject Application in condition for Allowance.

The Applicant respectfully submits that although the Applicant believes independent Claims 1, 10, 21, and 32 are directed to patentable subject matter, and in condition for allowance without amendment. The Applicant agreed to allow the Examiner to amend independent Claims 1, 10, 21, and 32, in an effort to expedite prosecution of the subject Application and to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. In addition, the Applicant agreed to allow the Examiner to amend dependent Claims 6 and 9 in an effort to expedite prosecution of this Application and to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention and amend dependent Claims 12 and 23 to correct certain antecedent basis issues.

By making these amendments, the Applicant makes no admission concerning the merits of the Examiner's rejections or objections of the previous Office Actions, and respectfully reserves the right to address any statement or averment of the Examiner not specifically addressed in this Statement of the Substance of the Interview. Particularly, the Applicant reserves the right to pursue broader claims in this Application or through a

continuation patent application. No new matter has been added by the Examiner's amendment.

In addition, the Applicant respectfully notes that the Examiner's Interview Summary Form does not expressly state that the Examiner's Amendment included amendments to dependent Claims 6, 9, 12, and 23, in addition to the amendments to independent Claims 1, 10, 21, and 32. However, attached to the interview Summary Form are twelve (12) pages showing the amendments to dependent Claims 6, 9, 12, and 23.

Telephonic Call to Examiner on 4 December 2006

In light of the above-discussed deficiencies in the Examiner's Interview Summary Form, the undersigned, Mr. Laureanti, telephoned Examiner Airapetian on 4 December 2006 to discuss these deficiencies.

During the telephone conference on 4 December 2006, Examiner Airapetian suggested filing an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 to ensure that the Examiner's Amendment to independent Claims 1, 10, 21, and 32 and dependent Claims 6, 9, 12, and 23 are corrected according to the telephonic interview, conducted on 26 October 2006 between the undersigned, Mr. Laureanti and Examiner Airapetian. In response the Applicant agreed to file an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, to correct the above-discussed deficiencies in the Examiner's Amendment.

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

The Applicant respectfully submits that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 contains the amendments to dependent Claims 12 and 23. The Applicant further respectfully submits that the status of the claims in this Amendment includes the Examiner's Amendment dated 30 November 2006, as set forth in the Examiner's Amendment on Pages 2-6. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter this amendment, prior to issuing the subject application. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner may call the undersigned, Steven J. Laureanti, at (817) 447-9955 if there are any questions regarding the Amendments to the claims or if the Examiner believes that it would be easier to discuss the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, over the telephone.

CONCLUSION:

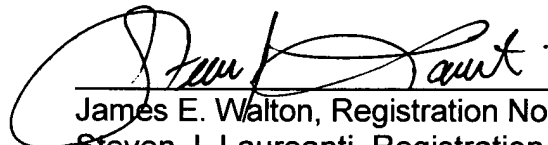
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to remain in condition for allowance.

Part B of the Issue Fee Transmittal Form is being filed in duplicate concurrently herewith to facilitate the processing of this deposit account authorization. **The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$1730.00 for the \$1,400.00 Issue Fee, the \$300.00 Publication Fee, and the \$30.00 fee for ten additional copies of the patent to Deposit Account No. 500777.** No other fees are deemed to be necessary; however, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any necessary fees, or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 500777.**

Please link this application to Customer No. 53184 so that its status may be checked via the PAIR System.

Respectfully submitted,

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